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The sixty-four Day of the Israeli aggression against Palestine

Daily Report on the Effects of the Israeli Aggression in Palestine

From October 7 until December 9, 2023

Some of the information contained in this report is as of Friday evening, 8th of December 2023.

The Emergency Operations Center at the Ministry of Health in Ramallah supervises the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Numbers are updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect confirmed statistics only but do not necessarily reflect all victims due to the fact that many victims are still missing under the rubble.

Current Situation:

Health System:

- Between October 7 and December 8, at least 17,400 Palestinians were martyred in the Gaza Strip, according to data from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, about 70% of whom were women and children. More than 46,000 people are reported to have been injured, with many more missing.
- On December 8, at least 300 Palestinians were martyred due to Israeli occupation bombing.
- Heavy Israeli bombardments from air, land, and sea continue across Gaza, with ongoing ground operations in eastern parts of Gaza City, Jabalia, An Nuseirat refugee camp, and eastern areas of Khan Younis governorate.
- Al Amal Hospital and the Palestine Red Crescent Society's (PRCS) headquarters in Khan Younis, and Yaffa Hospital in Deir Al Balah, were targeted by Israeli Occupation bombardment on December 8th, resulting in damages. The PRCS facilities currently shelter about 14,000 forcibly displaced persons.
- The European Gaza Hospital in the south suffers critical shortages of drugs, blood products, and medical supplies, with strictly rationed fuel. The hospital is treating about 1,000 patients, sheltering 70,000 civilians, and facing challenging conditions.

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- Al Awda Hospital in Jabalia is surrounded by Israeli occupation troops and tanks for the second consecutive day. Ther Israeli occupation forces shot and killed a doctor in this facility on December 8th.
- On December 7th, PRCS announced the halt of operations at their ambulance center in the north of Gaza due to fuel depletion and the closure of hospitals in the northern region. Ambulance teams are still handling minor and moderate cases in Jabalia.
- Since December 6th, one of UNRWA's nine active health centers in the south was closed due to Israeli aggression in Khan Younis. Eight UNRWA health centers remain operational in the south of Wadi Gaza, recording 8,044 patient visits.
- The head of the Palestinian Civil Defense in northern Gaza stated on December 8th that due to the lack of fuel, rescuers have been left with just one operational vehicle.

Major Events:

- Heavy Israeli occupation bombardments from air, land, and sea across Gaza persisted on December 5th and 6th, notably in eastern parts of Gaza City, Jabalia refugee camp, and areas east of Khan Younis.
- The humanitarian situation in Rafah remains critical, with extreme overcrowding and thousands of forcibly displaced people in urgent need of food, water, shelter, health, warm clothes and protection.
- As temperatures drop and winter takes hold, the urgent need for blankets, warm clothing, and suitable shelters becomes critical. The heightened risk of diseases during these cold conditions, coupled with the ongoing displacement crisis, poses a severe threat to public health and well-being.

Population and Displacement:

- Israeli occupation forces reiterated evacuation orders to residents of Jabalia and eastern neighborhoods of Gaza City on December 8th. The affected areas encompass about 30 square kilometers, and it's unclear how many residents have remained.
- Since December 1st, various areas, comprising nearly 30% of the Gaza Strip, have been marked for forcible displacement by the Israeli Occupation.

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- As of December 6th, almost 1.9 million people in Gaza, nearly 85% of the population, were estimated to be internally displaced, with around 1.2 million registered in 151 UNRWA facilities, of which about one million are in 94 UNRWA shelters in the south.
- Diseases include diarrhea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections, and outbreaks like hepatitis A.
- Vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities, wounded and pregnant woman face challenging shelter conditions.

Public Health Threats:

- On December 8th, the Gaza Municipality reported sewage flowing in the streets as pumping stations ceased operations due to a lack of fuel. Almost all water wells had also stopped working for the same reasons.
- Significant increases in infectious diseases reported in UNRWA shelters in the south, including diarrhea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections, and outbreaks like hepatitis A.
- Vulnerable groups face challenging shelter conditions, including people with disabilities, pregnant and breastfeeding women, individuals recovering from injuries or surgeries, and those with weakened immune systems.
- Efforts for children vaccination are ongoing. since 4th of November, only 12,000 children have received vaccinations in UNRWA shelters.

Basic Needs:

- Since October 11, the Gaza Strip has been suffering from a power outage, after the Israeli occupation authorities cut off electricity supplies, and the fuel reserves needed for the only power plant in Gaza ran out. Putting huge restrains of health facilities and rescue missions.
- Despite the truce, there has been almost no improvement in people in the north's access to water for drinking and domestic use, mainly due to the Israeli Occupation's blockade on fuel and the damage inflicted on water production facilities. Water is primarily available from small private wells and UNRWA wells, and serious concerns remain about waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.

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- In the south, UNRWA continues to operate eight water wells providing potable and domestic water to shelters for internally displaced people, along with water trucking operations, and over the past few weeks, solid waste from camps and emergency shelters has also continued to be collected and transported to landfills, to reduce the level of health risks and environmental.
- On 30th of November, WFP distributed food parcels in the south through UNRWA shelters and six distribution points outside the shelters for displaced families. In addition, 15,000 families hosting displaced people received food parcels.
- Since 21st November, UNRWA has provided flour to 30,222 families outside its shelters, in addition to the daily food support that UNRWA provides to displaced people in their shelter.

Destroyed Buildings:

- Exact numbers of destroyed buildings are unavailable due to continued bombings.
- Latest updates indicate over 60% (nearly 280 thousand) of housing units destroyed, exacerbating health vulnerabilities.

The West Bank, including Jerusalem:

- •The number of martyrs in the West Bank and Jerusalem since October 7 has reached 274 Palestinians, and about 3,300 wounded.
- Attacks on hospitals, health centers, and ambulances increase in the West Bank, limiting access to basic healthcare services.
- Settler attacks continue, with 308 incidents recorded since 7 October, resulting in casualties and damage to Palestinian-owned property.
- Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions.

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Urgent Needs:

- Immediate cessation of Israeli genocidal war against Palestinian civilians.
- Urgent implementation of international humanitarian laws protecting health institutions and civilians.
- Immediate and unconditional entry of humanitarian and health supplies into Gaza.
- Halt forcible displacement of civilians.
- Urgent support for search and rescue operations.

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